

## Decorating Contest Opens

Bright lights, holly wreaths, and synthetic snow are on Torrance citizens' minds today as they ready homes and stores for the Torrance Terrace Garden Club-Chamber of Commerce sponsored outdoor decorating contest.

Competition for homes opened officially yesterday and will continue until Dec. 22, when prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding decorative schemes. Store window judging ends Dec. 16.

Garden Club members will judge home decor, while the Chamber of Commerce will take on the task of judging store trimmings.

"Several homeowners already have entered the contest," said Mrs. Minot Rugg, Garden Club publicity chairman, "but we would like to see many more participate. Anyone interested may call me at Torrance 2433-J, Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, president, at Torrance 2458-R, or the Chamber of Commerce at Torrance 125."



CHRISTMAS PARTY . . . Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (right) in the person of Odette Beaudoin, 6, and Santa Claus (left) as personified by Billy Curnery, 6, were on hand at the first grade's Christmas party Friday at North Torrance Elementary School. The kids had fun with toys and games

and everybody ate hugely of cake and candy and all sorts of goodies. Then the presents were passed out by Santa and Mrs. Carol Thompson, teacher. Odette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Beaudoin, live at 17029 Faysmith. Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Curnery, 17039 Elgar.

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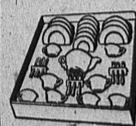
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## 'Pots' Not Boiling, Says Salvation Army

Salvation Army Christmas income through the street-corner "boiling pots" is down 20 per cent from 1951. Lt. Col. George W. Johnstone, Southern California salvationist commander said yesterday in appealing for additional funds to make up for the first week deficit in street collections.

The organization relies on a strong income from these downtown collection devices to finance its Christmas relief bud-

get, which will care for approximately 40,000 needy individuals in Los Angeles this month, Johnstone said.

In addition to funds received from the "boiling pots," Johnstone said, a portion of the Army's budget will come from the mails, and he urged all interested persons to send checks to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund, 832 W. Ninth St., Los Angeles 15.

"We can spend only what the public gives us," Johnstone explained, "as we have no special fund for Christmas work. This work is extra-budgetary and is not included in funds received from other sources."

Salvationist Christmas cheer activities include subsidies for needy families a poor man's Christmas dinner on Los Angeles skid row, gifts for needy children, "sunshine" gifts for military and other hospitals, remembrances for prisoners and their families, and special Christmas observances in Salvation Army institutions.

### Police Help Man

Torrance police gave an assist Tuesday night to Pierre Conolly, resident of the Torrance Hotel, when he suffered a heart attack. A patrol car took him to Harbor General Hospital, where he was treated and released to the out-patient clinic.

## Service Clubmen Take Over for S.A. Saturday

Service club members in Torrance will put some money in the pot — and ask you to do likewise — all day next Saturday, as they man the silver bells and "boiling" kettles of the Salvation Army on downtown streets.

The men will take over with tambourine and bell, and solicit in the place of Salvationists.

Charles F. Mullen, Rotary chairman of the drive said that "some of the caps may not fit, some of the boys may not be too practiced in the art of shaking tambourines as they rove about the city, but their hearts are in the right place, so open your purse and give generously."

For those who would like to make a cash contribution of \$1 or more, and cannot get downtown, a phone call to Torrance 3303 will send someone to your house to pick up the money.

If you prefer, checks may be made payable to the Salvation Army and mailed to Charles F. Mullen, 1519 Post Ave., Torrance.

### Bike Missing

When he came out of the Saturday theater matinee at the Stadium, his bicycle, red and yellow trim, was missing, said Kenneth Pillam, 12, in reporting the theft to Torrance police.

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## Pranksters Flatten 24 Tires

Someone, or ones, likes to hear the hiss-s of air escaping from automobile tires—especially when the tires are affixed to automobiles.

That, at any rate, was the gist of a report to Torrance police by irked residents of the 190th and Crenshaw area, who said that at least six cars (24 tires) had flat tires.

Harry D. Van Camp, 3308 W. 186th, was the main complainant. When he started to work in the morning, he found all four of his tires needed ozone.

## Santa Anita Opens Dec. 26

Santa Anita Park in Arcadia has everything in readiness to open its 16th and most pretentious thoroughbred racing season on Friday, Dec. 26, and will run 60 days (including Charity Week) through Saturday, March 7. The gates are to open at 11 a.m., as per usual, with the first race starting at 1 p.m.

Major turf attractions in the order of their running are listed as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 24 — \$500,000 added Santa Margarita Handicap.

Saturday, Jan. 31—Est. \$170,000 Santa Anita Maturity.

Saturday, Feb. 21—\$100,000 added Santa Anita Derby.

Saturday, Feb. 28—\$100,000 guaranteed Santa Anita Handicap.

Saturday, March 7—\$100,000 added San Juan Capistrano Handicap.

## R. Peterson Gets Award

In recognition of his ten years' service with the company, Roy A. Peterson, 17003 Atkinson Ave., has been awarded a gold pin by Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, John S. Clark, industrial relations director, said this week.

Peterson is participating in the current company program of producing Scorpion F-89 all-weather interceptors for the U. S. Air Force. He also played an active part during the development of the famed Northrop Flying Wings and in the World War II production of the Black Widow P-61 night fighters.

## Special Rose Parade Bus Schedules Planned

Special runs of Torrance Municipal buses to the New Year's Day Rose Parade in Pasadena is being planned again this year, it was announced yesterday by Marshall E. Chamberlain, superintendent of the bus department.

Buses will leave Torrance throughout the early morning and return after the parade, Chamberlain said. Exact hours of departure and return are being worked out, he said.

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